



The Basket Series: Melissa Melero

Metro Gallery

March 10, 2014 – April 18, 2014

Metro Gallery in Reno City Hall hosts an exhibition of mixed media paintings by Melissa Melero. “The Basket Series” works are abstract images inspired by the basketry of the Natives in the Great Basin Area. Using designs and textures from her Paiute culture, Melero also combines other organic cultural elements such as willows, tules, cattails, and pine nuts with built layers of paint which become sculptural objects that reflect a rich perspective of the Great Basin.

Melissa Melero holds a BFA from the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Fine Arts from Portland State University, Portland, OR. After spending many years in the southwest and northwest part of the country, Melissa returned to Reno, NV, working part time in arts administration and as a professional artist. She has exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts in Santa Fe, NM, the Nevada State Museum, Nevada Museum of Art, and in select galleries throughout the U.S.